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SUBJ: NIDA-FUNDED ACUPUNCTURE PROJECT

1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS FULL TEXT (INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS) OF
LETTER FROM HK NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER E.I. LEE TO CONOFF
W.C. MCCAILL, JR., WHICH CONSTITUTES HKG AMENDMENTS TO
ORIGINAL NIDA CONTRACT AS SOUGHT BY NIDA. COMMISSIONER LEE
HAS ASKED THAT NIDA CONFIRM THE PROJECT RECISIONS ASAP,
PREFERABLY WITHIN THIS WEEK AS DR. WEN WILL BE LEAVING HK
MONDAY, MAY 30 FOR A MONTH-LONG TRIP. HKG NOW INTENDS TO OPEN
ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC ON JULY 4, MOUNT TWO-WEEK PUBLICITY
CAMPAIGN FOR IT AND RECEIVE FIRST PATIENTS JULY 18.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

ACUPUNCTURE/ELECTRO STIMULATION OUT-PATIENT
PROGRAMME -- NIDA CONTRACT

I DISCUSSED WITH DR.H.L. WEN LAST WEEK THE NEED TO
MAKE SAVINGS ON THE BUDGET OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROJECT,
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IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE ESTIMATED COST TO THE HONG KONG
DOLLAR EQUIVALENT OF US\$99,500.

-- I EXPLAINED TO DR. WEN THE DIFFICULTY WHICH HAD
ARISEN OVER THE PAYMENT OF FULL-TIME SALARY FOR PART-
TIME WORK, AND ASKED HIM HOW MUCH TIME HE WILL IN FACT
BE DEVOTING TO THE EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT. HE NOW ESTI-
MATES HE WILL BE WORKING FOR 4 HOURS EACH MORNING, AND

THAT IN ADDITION, HE WILL BE ON 24-HOURS CALL IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCIES. IN MY VIEW, 4 HOURS WORK DAILY CAN BE CONSIDERED 50 PERCENT OF DR. WEN'S TIME PLUS A 10 PERCENT ALLOWANCE FOR "ON CALL" CONTINGENCIES, MAKING 60 PERCENT IN ALL. I THEREFORE PROPOSED AS A REASONABLE COMPROMISE, THAT DR. WEN SHOULD BE PAID THE SUM OF \$8,000 PER MONTH WHICH IS JUST BELOW 60 PERCENT OF THE SALARY OF A FIRST RANK CONSULTANT ON HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SALARY SCALE OR \$13,000 PER MONTH. DR. WEN HAS ACCEPTED THIS, AND IT IS ALSO ACCEPTABLE TO THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THIS WILL RESULT IN A SAVING OF THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF ONE YEAR OF \$34,200.

--DR. WEN HAS ALSO INFORMED ME THAT HE HAS RECEIVED AN OFFER OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE YS' MEN'S CLUB WHICH WILL COVER THE COST OF THE ACUPUNCTURE EQUIPMENT ESTIMATED TO COST \$12,000: THIS HAS, THEREFORE, BEEN DELETED FROM THE BUDGET. AS FURNITURE HAS ALREADY BEEN PARTIALLY PROVIDED IN THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL, THIS CAPITAL SUB-HEAD CAN ALSO BE REDUCED FROM \$6,000 TO \$4,000

-- CONCURRENTLY WITH MY DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. WEN, THE WHOLE BUDGET WAS REVIEWED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS. SOME NEW ITEMS WERE ADDED AND THE COST OF OTHERS WAS REVISED AFTER A CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE OPERATIONAL DETAILS. THE NEW BUDGETED TOTAL EXPENDITURE IS NOW \$526,160. IN U.S. DOLLAR TERMS, AT THE RATE OF HK\$4.6 TO US\$1, THIS AMOUNTS TO US\$114,382.50. A COPY OF THE REVISED BUDGET IS ATTACHED.

--AS THE NIDA GRANT TOTALS US\$99,500 ONLY, THE EXCESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL BE MET BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS PART OF ITS CONTRIBUTION, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION.

-- THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IS NOW PREPARED TO SIGN THE CONTRACT SUBJECT TO THE REVISED BUDGET BEING ACCEPTABLE TO NIDA. WE PROPOSE THAT AFTER DR. K.L. THONG HAS SIGNED THE DOCUMENT, IT SHOULD BE SENT TO WASHINGTON, THROUGH YOUR OFFICE, FOR SIGNATURE BY THE CONTRACT OFFICER OF NIDA.

-- I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONFIRMATION THAT THE REVISED ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING DR. WEN'S SALARY, THE RESTRUCTURED BUDGET, AND THE SUGGESTED SIGNING FORMALITIES, ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE NIDA. SIGNED E.I. LEE, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR ONE YEAR OPERATION OF THE ACUPUNCTURE/ELECTO STIMULATION OUT PATIENT PROGRAM

A. PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS
SALARY

	PER ANNUAL		
POST TITLE OF POST	MONTH COST	ON COSTS	HK\$
	HK\$	HK\$	
(A) 1 PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	8,000	96,000	
(B) 1 MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER	6,180	74,160	
(C) 3 MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS II	2,300	82,800	
(D) 4 NURSES	2,000	96,000	
(E) 1 LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	2,000	24,000	
(F) 1 CLERICAL ASSTS	1,135	13,620	
(G) 2 AMAH	880	21,120	
(H) 3 MESSENGER	880	31,680	
16 TOTAL PERSONAL		439,380	

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ON COSTS ON (B)	18,540	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		457,920

B. OTHER CHARGES (RECURRENT)

ANNUAL		
COST	ON COSTS	
HK\$	HK\$	
AIR CONDITIONING RENTAL	4,800	
STAFF INSURANCE	3,000	
GAS	2,000	
ELECTRICITY	7,500	
WATER CHARGES	1,000	
CLEANING OF OFFICES	1,000	
PRINTING, STATIONERY AND PUBLICATIONS	5,000	
TELEPHONE	1,000	
TRAVELLING EXPENSES	6,000	
INCIDENTIAL EXPENSES	2,000	
UNIFORMS	3,000	
LAUNDRY EXPENSES	5,000	
PROVISIONS FOR EXPENSES ON	5,940	
MID-DAY MEALS FOR PATIENTS		
LABORATORY GLASSWARE	3,000	
STAINLESS STEEL CONTAINERS FOR TEST TUBES	2,000	
MEDICAL STORES AND INSTRUMENTS	10,000	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		62,240

C. SPECIAL EXPENDITURE (NON-RECURRENT)

ANNUAL		
COST	ON COSTS	

	HK\$	HK\$
FURNITURE		4,000
PARTITIONING		2,000
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS		6,000
TOTAL ANNUAL COSTS IN HK\$		526,160
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TOTAL ANNUAL COSTS IN US\$	114,381
(HK\$4.6 EQUALS US\$1)	
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